—Technocrats-entrepreneurship development from ISRO & venture capital funding.

—Professional 'Vendor' Development.

—Export promotion of ISRO technologies/Space-industry products & services.

—Long term commitments/buy back guarantees to industry.

—Securing assistance to Indian Space Industries from Government regulatory agencies.

—Technology forecasting/assessment and Research & Development/Design & Development contracts to industry.

—Technology development & infrastructure information exchange.

—Motivate ISRO R&D teams, project teams & industry-interface professional to grow Space-Industry partnership.

(c) The various actions planned to pursue the above thrust areas are as follows:

—In order to handle the specialised functions related to Space-Industry promotion including High-Tech vendor promotion, assistance for export marketing, increased scale of technology transfer and information services, the Department of Space is planning to set up a Techno-Managerial Corporate body, with flexibility to plough back the earnings through its services for sustained development of Space products and its spin-off products.

—Actions are also contemplated by the Department for making available venture capital through the established mechanisms of the developmental financial institutions in the country for the technology licences of the ISRO/DOS.

—Coordination with various industry Associations like Confederation of Engineering Industries (C.E.I.) will be stepped up to provide necessary information to competent industries to undertake Development/Manufacture of products and services for the Space Programme either individually or in consortia mode.

—Appropriate mechanisms for providing long term commitments to industry, and incentive to them to invest for manufacturing Lines/Setting up plants for meeting the needs of the Space Programme will be implemented.

Setting up of a Software Park at Bhubaneswar

3115. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up an electronic software park at Bhubaneswar;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal received from the State Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have considered the said proposal; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A proposal from the State Government of Orissa for linking Bhubaneswar and Dallas in USA through Satellite link for Software Exports has been received. The proposal is in a preliminary stage.

(d) Does not arise.